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September 6, 1986

Mr. Phil Retallick
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Dear Mr. Retallick:

Attached is a copy of a letter from Francine Carlini at the Department of Environmental Resources in Norristown. As you may recall from the incident I discussed with you on the phone, we had a case of airborne asbestos that occurred over a three to four week period. While it has been impossible to pinpoint the cause of the asbestos exactly, there is a good potential that it is coming from an old manufacturing plant of Nicolet's along Railroad Avenue.

The old manufacturing facility does not currently appear to be covered by any current EPA or DER regulations. In this case, the building is not just one that has asbestos materials as part of its construction, but according to the Whitpain Township Building Inspector, there is asbestos residue throughout the facility and it is generally open to the air and to trespassers.

Is there any action that can or should be taken by EPA to eliminate this problem? It would appear to be serious since we found numerous particles of material, containing up to 50% asbestos, out in the open in areas that people do frequent. While the particles have stopped recently, there is no guarantee that they will not re-appear. Would this not be of greater concern than the white samples along the Locust Street Playground?

I appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Heime
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Borough Manager

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c/c - Francine Carline
- Bucky Walters ✓
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August 23, 1985

Mr. Edward Heibel
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Dear Mr. Heibel:

The Department has investigated the fall-out of asbestos containing material in the vicinity of Orsini's Garage. We do not believe that the material is windblown or coming from an active manufacturing facility. It appears that it is being transported by insects or some other vector. The material could be coming from several sources in the area, including an old manufacturing plant behind Orsini's, and inactive disposal sites for asbestos along Maple Street.

The Department is pursuing the enforcement of the NESHAP regulation as it pertains to inactive disposal sites. The sites on Maple Street are either in compliance or on a schedule to come into compliance. NESHAP does not have any requirements for old buildings containing asbestos unless they are under renovation or being demolished.

If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

FRANCINE CARLINI
Air Quality Specialist

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